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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

Commissioner:

Upon review of the above-identified patent, typographical errors on the part of the Patent Office have been detected. Correction is respectfully requested as per the attached Certificate of Correction.

With respect to the correction in column 7 line 9 (the fourth clause in independent claim 1), remove "the". The claim should read:

1. A data sort method, comprising:

obtaining a plurality of data records and, for each data record

extracting key information,

expanding the extracted key information, and

storing the expanded key information in a key record, wherein the expanded key information is not stored in intermediate storage;

sorting the plurality of key records based on the expanded key information;

reorganizing the plurality of data records to correspond to the order of the sorted plurality of key records; and

storing the reorganized plurality of data records without their associated expanded key information to a working storage.

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In column 7 line 9 (the fourth clause in independent claim 1), remove "the". The claim should read:

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sorting the plurality of key records based on the expanded key information;

reorganizing the plurality of data records to correspond to the order of the sorted plurality of key records; and

storing the reorganized plurality of data records without their associated expanded key information to a working storage.

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